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1. EMBOFFS MET MARCH THREE WITH KULAKOV, BELAYEV, SHALIMOV OF  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OFFICE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS TO DISCUSS  
PROPOSED TEXT FOR AIDE-MEMOIRE REGARDING EXTENSION OF FULBRIGHT  
LECTURER EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE ACADEMY INSTITUTES CONVEYED EARLIER  
FOR ACADEMY REVIEW (SEE REFTEL).

2. ACADEMY REPS RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING EMBASSY DRAFT,  
SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE AND  
DURATION OF LECTURERS' PLACEMENTS.

3. ON FINANCIAL CONDITIONS, ACADEMY REPS INDICATED THAT STIPEND  
SPECIFIED IN 1973 EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE, BUT  
THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT MUST BE AT LEAST \$420 PER MONTH (\$14/DAY)  
PER DIEM PLUS HOUSING, INTERNAL TRAVEL, AND MEDICAL INSURANCE  
WHILE IN THE US. ACADEMY INDICATES THESE ARE CONDITIONS UNDER  
WHICH NATURAL SCIENCES EXCHANGES ARE CONDUCTED UNDER CHEMICAL  
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CATALYSIS SUB-SECTION OF S&T AGREEMENT (01.02), ATOMIC ENERGY

AGREEMENT (07), AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT (02).

4. ON DURATION QUESTIN, ACADEMY OFFICIALS AGAIN EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE US UNIVERSITIES USUALY WISH TO HAVE SOVIET LECTURERS PARTICIPATING IN EXCHANGE TEACH COURSES LASTING THREE OR FOUR MONTHS, SOVIET ACADEMY INSTITUTES WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AMERICAN LECTURERS FOR THE CONDUCTING OF LECTURES TO SMALL GROUPS AND/OR SEMINARS WITH INSTITUTE STAFF MEMBERS FOR PERIODS NORMALLY RANGING FROM ONE TO TWO MONTHS. HENCE, ACADEMY OFFICIALS PROPOSED THAT EXCHANGE BEGIN WITH A MAN/MONTH FORMULA TO COVER DIVERGENT NEEDS. AT BEGINNING, ACADEMY OFFICIALS SAID, QUOTA OF FIFTEEN MAN/MONTHS PER YEAR SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT, WITH EXPANSION POSSIBLE AFTER PROCEDURES, SCHEDULES FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS EVLUATED.

5. EMBOFFS EXPLAINED PROCEDURES FOR EXCHANGING REQUESTS, NOMINATIONS, FINAL PLACEMENT INFO, ETC., AS THEY NOW APPLY TO EXCHANGE WITH MHE. ACADEMY OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY ARE PREPARED TO TRY TO IMPLEMENT EXCHANGE IN TIME FOR FALL SEMESTER OF ACADEMIC YEAR 1976/77. EMBASSY NOW PREPARED FOR ACADEMY CONSIDERATION FIELD/NAME REQUESTS IN APPROPRIATE FIELDS PROVIDED EARLIER TO MHE IN CASE ACADEMY WISHES TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES. PROPOSE TO SUBMIT THESE TO ACADEMY AT TIME OF OR PRIOR TO EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS INTITTING EXCHANGE. ACADEMY AWARE OF URGENT NEED FOR REQUESTS, IF IT WISHES TO INVITE AMERICAN SCHOLARS DURING FIRST HALF OF ACADEMIC YEAR 1976/77. MAIN STRESS, HOWEVER, PROBABLY WILL BE FOR SPRING SEMESTER.

6. ACADEMY OFFICIALS RAISED NO RPT NO OBJECTIONS IN REGARD TO HUMANITIES/SCIENCES BALANCE CLAUSE (SEE REF), BUT MERELY ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED FROM EMBOFFS CONFIRMATION THAT EXCHANGE WOULD COVER LECTURES IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AS WELL AS NATURAL SCIENCES. THIS WAS A MAJOR OBSTACLE IN EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS, AND ACADEMY REVERSAL OF POSITIONS IS SIGNIFIANT BREAK-THROUGH.

7. EMBOFFS PROPOSED TO HAND ACADEMY BY END OF MARCH AIDE-MEMOIRE FORMALLY PROPOSING EXCHANGE. ACADEMY WOULD THEN RESPOND WITH LETTER OR NOTE TO EMBASSY ACCEPTING PROPOSAL.

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8. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FINANCIAL CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY ACADEMY AT FIRST GLANCE SEEM TO REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM THOSE SPECIFIED IN LECTURER EXCHANGE WITH MHE, EMBASSY NOTES THAT SUPPORT LEVELS DESCRIBED IN CIES DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY POST AND CONVEYED TO MHE, WHEN CALCULATED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ARE SOMETIMES IN EXCESS OF \$420/MONTH STIPEND. FOR EXAMPLE, EMBASSY NOTES FROM CIES MEMORANDA THAT SOVIET LECTURERS ANTONOV AND GUJABIDZE ARE RECEIVING \$23/DAY PER DIEM. HENCE, WE FEEL SUPPORT LEVEL

SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS IMPEDIMENT TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF EXCHANGE AND WE PROPOSE TO SPECIFY IN AIDE-MEMOIRE CONVEYING FORMAL PROPOSAL THE SUPPORT LEVEL CALLED FOR BY SOVIETS. FURTHERMORE, WE SUPPORT ACADEMY PROPOSAL OF FIFTEEN MAN/MONTH FORMULA FOR EARLY PERIOD OF EXCHANGE.

9. REQUEST DEPT, CIES VIEWS BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH AIDE MEMOIRE.  
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